

Kaylee's Korner

Area Church

So far, we have had two Sundays when we are in Lubbock to participate in **Area Church**. "Area Church" is when we are divided into groups and assigned a church in or around Lubbock to work in and support in any way we can.

My group was assigned the **Sunset Church of Christ**, which is actually the church that hosts the AIM Program. On Sundays we work with the **youth group** and focus on building relationships with them and being spiritual role models.

After the morning worship service, we typically eat lunch with one of the families in the church.

In the afternoons, we go to a retirement home called **Raider Ranch** where we help lead an afternoon service with them. I love visiting with the people there and hearing their stories and wisdom.

What happens after visiting Raider Ranch changes from week to week, usually we do various **service projects** or activities in Lubbock for the rest of the day.

Sign Language Class

Before chapel every morning, I and a couple other AIMers join the **American Sign Language** class. We are all learning so much and I love it because we can talk to the **deaf** members of the Sunset Church of Christ and in the community.

Deaf people are some of my favorite people in the world. They all have such joy despite what seems to us to be such a disability. I feel so inspired by them!

The Mark Study

This month we were taught a simple and effective **Bible study** called the "Mark Study." I love this study because you can use it as a format to share the good news of Jesus Christ to anyone. My favorite part of this study is that it is so flexible and can be easily used in different settings and with all kinds of people. I am excited to start sharing the Gospel with people!

The Well

On **Wednesday nights** we meet with the **college** students at The Well, another part of the Sunset church or Christ. The Well hosts Bible studies throughout the week for the college students in Lubbock. This is a great ministry because Lubbock is a college town with several universities and community colleges including Lubbock Christian University and Texas Tech.

Prayer Requests

Midterms have just ended so we have been very busy. Several of my classmates have been sick or are fighting **sickness**, so I ask for prayers of healing and rest for my classmates and for myself.

Also, since our **field presentations** are beginning, please pray that we have wisdom and discernment when deciding our future fields and teammates.

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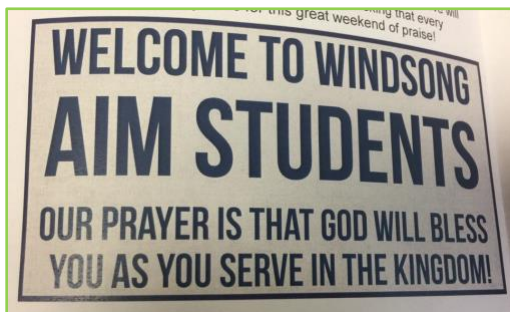


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Cutting Out Fish with Ashley Thompson

The "AIM" section in the Windsong Church of Christ bulletin.



Blessings from God

My friend and classmate, **Jaqui Holguin**, is such a blessing. She is hardworking and always so positive. Her faith is inspiring, and I feel so blessed to know her and to be working and learning alongside her in AIM.

Class Trips

Our first trip this month was the longest that we've had so far and lasted ten days. From Lubbock we drove to **Little Rock, AK** and visited with the **Windsong Church of Christ**. We ate and played games with the youth there and worshiped with them that Sunday.

From there we went to **HUT** which is an "international village" owned and run by **Harding University** for the purpose of giving preparation and experience to potential missionaries of what a foreign field could be like. Though we only spent two days there, it felt much longer. It was an eye-opening experience.

Next, we stayed with the **Lone Oak Church of Christ** in **Paducah, KY**. This was the longest and final part of our trip. We spent several days doing various service projects in the community as well as preparing for the main event of the week: a community "fish fry" hosted at the church building. I really enjoyed serving at the fish fry. My favorite part was a "flash-mob" kind-of-thing our class did during the meal when we all started singing a song called Psalm 34 (Taste and See).

Our second trip was a weekend trip to **Canadian, TX** (which seems like an oxymoron, but it's just the name of the town). While there we did various service projects in and around the church building. Next, we stayed in host families' homes and worshiped with them that Sunday. Several of AIM guys helped lead the singing and Lord's Supper. After worship there was a "fellowship feast" which was like a potluck with a devotional during the meal. As part of the devo, several of the AIMers were asked to share their stories of faith. I loved getting to know the members of the **Canadian Church of Christ**, they were very sweet and loving people!

Verse of the Month

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angles nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

1 Corinthians 8:38-39

Looking Forward

This month we have had two of our mission **field presentations** and the rest will happen next month. I'm super excited to see how God is working around the world and where we will go and work ourselves in eight months!

Soon we will begin meeting in our "**small groups**" every Thursday. This will be a time to learn and practice leading a bible study in a small group setting. I am both nervous and excited for this next step in my training!

Thank you

Thank you so much to those who read my newsletters, it means so much to me that you care about me and are supporting me! Thank you to those supporting me financially or in prayer, I can't express in words how thankful to God I am for you and your love. Thank you to those who have sent me notes of encouragement. You all have given me energy and joy knowing that I am so blessed to have people like you in my life!